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TWELVE MEMBERS OF A \$5.2 MILLION COCAINE RING INDICTED

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced today in a press conference with Armand H. McClintock, Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Greg Beriault, Postal Inspector, Roger Wirth, Special Agent in Charge of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, Marion County Sheriff Frank J. Anderson, Hendricks County Sheriff Jim Quearry and officials from the Indianapolis and Beech Grove Police Departments, the indictment, unsealed this afternoon, of 11 defendants by a Federal grand jury for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and to distribute over five kilograms of cocaine, and of a twelfth defendant as an accessory after the fact. Search and arrest warrants executed today in

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Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Columbus, Ohio by approximately 100 law enforcement officers from those agencies attending the press conference, as well as, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Indiana State Police, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Metro Drug Task Force resulted in the apprehension of 11 defendants and the seizure of 22 firearms, approximately \$70,000 in cash, \$98,000 in bank accounts, 3 motorcycles and 11 cars, including a 2003 Viper, 2002 Corvette, and a 1999 Corvette.

The charges result from a four-month investigation from October, 2003 and February 19, 2004 by the DEA Task Force and the Metro Drug Task Force. The indictment alleges that during a one-month period, between October 24, 2003 and November 20, 2003, the traffickers moved approximately 52 kilograms of cocaine with a street value of \$5.2 million.

The indictment alleges that PRENTICE GREER, the leader of the Indianapolis-based conspiracy, procured cocaine from a supplier in Chicago, Illinois to distribute in the Indianapolis area. FRANCISCO FERRARA, transported the cocaine from Chicago to Indianapolis for delivery to GREER.

According to the charges, FREDERICK ROGERS maintained a stash house for GREER in the 200 block of North State Street in Indianapolis where the cocaine was delivered, offloaded and stored for distribution.

Once the cocaine arrived in Indianapolis, GREER distributed it to ALLEN L.

WESTMORELAND, JR., COREY HOWARD, ANTHONY THOMAS, MARTINO PERKINS, EUGENE MURFF, and THOMAS O'NEAL LIKELY. HOWARD, THOMAS, PERKINS, MURFF, and LIKELY distributed the drugs to their customers and paid GREER for the cocaine. At times, WESTMORELAND also obtained cocaine from the same Chicago supplier as GREER for distribution in the Indianapolis area.

MARK THOMAS and KEITH JORDAN bought cocaine from HOWARD for distribution to their customers.

The indictment further alleges that CAROLYN L. WILSON flushed JORDAN'S cocaine down the toilet at a home in the 2400 block of East 13th Street, and it charges her as an accessory after the fact.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who is prosecuting the case for the government, an initial hearing was held today before a U.S. Magistrate Judge V. Sue Shields for all defendants except FERRARA and WILSON. If convicted, the 11 conspiracy defendants face a maximum possible prison sentence of life imprisonment and a maximum possible fine of \$4,000,000. WILSON faces a maximum of 15 years imprisonment and a maximum \$2,000,000 fine.

Those indicted and their current status are as follows:

Prentice Greer, 38, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing Monday at 3:30 Francisco Ferrara, 25, Milwaukee, WI, fugitive

Allen Westmoreland, Jr., 38, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday

Mark Thomas, 33, Galloway, OH, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday
Carolyn Wilson, 47, Indianapolis, IN, awaiting initial hearing
Anthony Thomas, 29, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday
Frederick Rogers, 47, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday
Corey Howard, 34, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing Tuesday at 10:30
Keith Jordan, 45, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday
Thomas O'Neal Likely, 48, Cincinnati, OH, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday
Eugene Murff, 37, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday
Martino Perkins, 28, Indianapolis, IN, in custody, detention hearing next Thursday

Forfeiture has been filed against the following property alleged to have been derived from the alleged illegal activities:

5813 Grand Vista Drive, Indianapolis

6430 E. 34th Street, Indianapolis, IN

116 N. State Street, Indianapolis, IN

3226 N. Priscilla Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

3218 N. Priscilla Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

7333 Pebblebrooke East Drive, Indianapolis, IN

213 N. State Street, Indianapolis, IN

2032 N. Central Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

2631 E. Stuart Street, Indianapolis, IN

1505 N. Ewing Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

2827 Kristen West Drive, Indianapolis, IN

4802 E. 71st Street, Indianapolis, IN

2125 Brookside Avenue, Indianapolis, IN

2445 Hovey Street, Indianapolis, IN

2740 Stuart Street, Indianapolis, IN

2742 Stuart Street, Indianapolis, IN

4571 Devon Drive, Indianapolis, IN

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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